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Command Operations Report

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN (CVW-17)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **09745**

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: **Leahey** First: **Matthew M.I.** L Rank: **CAPT**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2014-03-13**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: The primary mission of CVW-17 is to conduct offensive air operations in support of national policy and engage in attacks on air, surface and sub-surface targets, while afloat and/or ashore. CVW-17 also provides aerial forces for the Air Warfare (AW), Surface Warfare (SUW), Under-Sea Warfare (USW), Strike Warfare (STW), and Mine Warfare (MIW) missions in support of tasking from Composite Warfare Commanders. We conduct aerial electronic, acoustical, photographic, visual surveillance and intelligence for operational commanders in support of joint or coalition forces. CVW-17 conducts airborne electronic warfare, aerial refueling operations, and combat search and rescue operations over water and over land. While embarked, CVW-17 staff serves as the Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC) in support of 9 assigned squadrons and also serves as the liaison between the ship, the respective type wings, and embarked squadrons. The Air Wing Commander (or CAG) is directly responsible for the oversight, management, and welfare of 1396 personnel and 75 aircraft.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): NAS Lemoore, CA

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Carrier Strike Group ONE (CSG-1)

Administrative: Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (PACFLT)

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable): CTF-30, CTF-70 (VALIANT SHIELD), CTF-50 (Operation INHERENT RESOLVE)

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): VFA-22, VFA-81, VFA-113, VFA-94, VAQ-139, VAW-116, HSC-15, HSM-73, VRC-30 Det 1

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: 20 F/A-18 C, 12 F/A-18E, 12 F/A-18F; 5 EA-18G; 4 E-2C, 12 SH-60R, 8 SH-60S, 2 C-2 (Tail Code NA)

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 208 Enlisted: 1188 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LT Alexander J. Owre
Job Title/Office Code: CVW-17 Helo Ops/PAO
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Phone number(s): 619-545-7111
Command Mailing Address: Commander
Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN
30 Sky Train Ave Unit 17
Lemoore CA 09326-6008

2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions

and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

On the 22nd of August 2014, CVW-17 deployed onboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) for a ten-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, North Arabian Sea, Arabian Gulf, and the Indian Ocean. Time spent in the 3rd Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) was focused on preparing aircrew for pending combat operations. Time spent in the 7th Fleet AOR was focused on Multi-Lateral Exercises and Theater Security Cooperation. While in the 5th Fleet AOR, CVW-17 participated in Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) as well as numerous Coalition and International Exercises.

3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA) - 16 January 2014 - 10 February 2014

Air Wing Fallon (AWF) - 22 March 2014 - 18 April 2014

Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX)/Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) - 9 May 2014 - 10 June 2014

Deployment (OIR) - 22 August 2014 - 4 June 2015

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event. For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative. All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

Deployment - CVW-17 Deployed onboard USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) to conduct operations in the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) in support of VALIANT SHIELD and the 5th AOR in support of Operations INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) and numerous Coalition and International Exercises while on station.

4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted "as is," eliminating

the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Situation Reports
- b. Intentions Messages
- c. Operational Reports
- d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
- e. Operational Plans
- f. Personal For Messages
- g. After Action Reports
- h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
- i. Battle Damage Assessments
- j. Casualty Reports
- k. End-of-Cruise/Deployment Reports
- l. Intelligence Summaries
- m. Major Exercise Reports

List below the items submitted, indicating the classification of each. Electronic reports should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF, or plain text. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Submit electronic reports via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM.

5. Published Documents

List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command's web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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6. Photographs

List below official photographs and any other command-generated media being submitted in either electronic or paper format. Photographs to be submitted include: official photo of commanding officer; recent photo of ship, aircraft, or facility; and photos of historic events associated with the command. Photographs submitted electronically should be in JPG, TIFF or GIF format. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Photographs in electronic format are to be submitted via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained below. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in the same manner as the CD-ROM. Also include any photographs covering operational strikes, battle damage (especially that sustained by own ship, aircraft, facilities or equipment), or other relevant photos relating to combat or deployment operations.

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CAPTAIN MATTHEW L. LEAHEY, U.S. NAVY COMMANDER, CARRIER AIR WING SEVENTEEN

CAPT Matthew Leahey is a native of (b) (6). CAPT Leahey graduated from the United States Naval Academy with Bachelor of Science in History and received his commission in May of 1991. He completed flight training and was designated a Naval Flight Officer at NAS Pensacola in January of 1993.

After completion of F-14 fleet replacement training at NAS Oceana with the GRIM REAPERS of VF-101, CAPT Leahey reported for his first operational assignment in a split tour serving with the FREELANCERS of VF-21 and the BLACK KNIGHTS of VF-154, forward deployed with CVW-5 at NAF Atsugi, Japan. CAPT Leahey completed multiple deployments aboard USS INDEPENDENCE (CV-62).

In February of 1998, CAPT Leahey was selected to attend the US Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN) and was designated a Strike Fighter Tactics Instructor (SFTI) in May of 1998.

In June of 1998, CAPT Leahey returned to NAS Oceana to serve as an F-14A/B/D SFTI at Strike Weapons and Tactics School Atlantic (SWATSLANT), the F-14 Weapons School.

In January of 2001, CAPT Leahey joined the PUKIN' DOGS of VF-143 for his second operational tour. Serving as the squadron SFTI he completed an accelerated IDTC and deployment aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM following the events of September 11, 2001.

In October of 2002, CAPT Leahey reported to the CHECKMATES of VF-211 for his Department Head tour completing VF-211's final F-14A cruise aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) supporting both Operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM.

In October of 2004, CAPT Leahey reported to joint duty at US Joint Forces Command's (USJFCOM) Joint Warfighting Center (JWFC) where he served on the instructor staff of the Joint Targeting School (JTS). While serving at JTS CAPT Leahey completed an MBA from Touro University.

In July of 2008, CAPT Leahey reported to the CHECKMATES of VFA-211 as XO and subsequently CO, completing workups for deployment on board USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65).

In November of 2010, CAPT Leahey reported to the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center (NSAWC) as Department Head (CO) of TOPGUN, and subsequently Department Head of STRIKE (Air Wing Training). During his assignment at NSAWC CAPT Leahey deployed in support of Operations ODYSSEY DAWN and ENDURING FREEDOM.

In June of 2013, CAPT Leahey reported as Deputy Commander (DCAG) of Carrier Air Wing SEVENTEEN. He assumed command of CVW-17 in March of 2014.

CAPT Leahey has accumulated over 3500 flight hours and over 500 carrier arrested landings. His military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (Strike/Flight Award), Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and numerous other unit commendations and awards.

CAPT Leahey's wife, (b) (6), with their two daughters, (b) (6).



CAPTAIN JOHN J. MANN, IV
U.S. NAVY
DEPUTY COMMANDER,
CARRIER AIR WING SEVENTEEN

Captain John J. Mann is a native of (b) (6) and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1991. He was designated a Naval Aviator in July 1994 and received orders to Lemoore, CA to fly the F/A-18 Hornet.

Captain Mann commanded VFA-25 "The Fist of the Fleet" from December 2008 through April 2010. He made two deployments with CVW-14 embarked in USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) flying in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Mann's other sea duty assignments were with VFA-195 "Dambusters," forward deployed to NAF Atsugi, Japan from June 2000 through October 2004 as the training officer and department head. Captain Mann made seven deployments with CVW-5 embarked in USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) to the Western Pacific, and flew in Operation Southern Watch and the opening phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003. Captain Mann's first sea assignment was with VFA-137 "Kestrels" from August 1995 to April 1998. He deployed with CVW-2 embarked in USS Constellation (CV 64) and flew in Operation Southern Watch.

After graduating from TOPGUN in May 1998, Captain Mann's first shore assignment was as a tactics instructor at the Strike Fighter Weapons School Pacific (SFWSP) from May 1998 to May 2000. He earned a master's degree while studying at the Naval War College in Newport, RI from October 2004 through October 2005. Subsequently, Captain Mann served in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Strategic Actions Group (OPNAV N00Z) and CNO Speechwriter (OPNAV N00S) in Washington, DC from November 2005 through February 2007. He also served as Legislative Advisor to the Chief of Naval Personnel (OPNAV N1X) in Washington, DC from May 2010 through June 2011, and on the Joint Staff, J-5 (Plans and Policy) in Washington, DC from July 2011 through May 2013. Additionally, Captain Mann served as Battle Director in the Combined Air and Space Operations Center in Doha, Qatar from June through September 2013.

After selection for major command, Captain Mann reported to CVW-17 as Deputy Carrier Air Wing Commander in March 2014.